

10 a. m.; Missionary Sermon 11  
a. m.; Family Worship 2 p. m.;  
Development of Christian Giv-  
ing 3 p. m.; Preaching at night.

RO. CRAN, bobs up out of  
slap tab into which he has  
en just far enough to blubber  
"the RECORD is dangerously  
the edge of the bowl that  
sins the soup." If the dear  
w was as anxious to make  
standards clean as he is to  
the RECORD foul, he would  
in better with respectable  
le, and possibly make a  
religious paper. But why  
d we care since every  
t of his at THE RECORD  
s up more subscribers?



W. M. B. Department.

(MISS) MARY P. HACKETT, Editor

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

I've been thinking, little sisters, if a heathen child should be...

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comfort and consolation in that blessed thought. She was a bright, sweet girl of fourteen, gentle, affectionate, loving; a source of joy and happiness to all who knew her.

And now comes news of the death of another member of the stricken household, little Carey, a bright and promising boy of nine years, who has so soon gone to join his sister on the other shore.

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yet go because eventually yet been canonized. The war was expected. When it came, they said: "You have been called upon to lose her cheering presence from your midst."

"sweet bye and bye," when a happy reunion will bring together again the links of the family chain broken upon earth.

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been prospered. Of it, Dr. Delet, a prominent member of the church, who has charge of our property in Havana, says: "There is no reason to be discouraged; on the contrary, encouraged by the absence of master and ministers, the deacons and ladies in charge are doing much better than could be expected."

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I have been in jail six times just for preaching the gospel, but I am ready to go twenty times more for the same reason. I must tell my people all about the Lord Jesus as it is in the Bible. I have been doing it for years, and am not tired yet.

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upon the earth such as the h  
Great Head of the church has  
commanded, the tendency natu  
ally flows to centralize power  
outside of the churches and in  
side of the denomination. Bapt  
ists in the past have had no  
conclave of cardinals, and no  
college of bishops to dictate to  
the churches what they must do.  
They have been content to leave  
the authority to sit in judge  
ment on questions of faith and  
practice, where God has placed  
it—in the hands of a divinely in  
stituted church. But these lat  
er times are ominous with  
threatenings. The sword of  
coercion in the hands of denom  
inationalism is threatening the  
independence of the churches.  
In our eagerness to correct heres  
ies and to dictate policies, we  
allow our conventions to raise  
the thunder of their deliverance  
upon matters which belong  
wholly to the sacred domain of  
the church. With the sword of  
condemnation in their grasp,  
they decapitate the ministerial  
head of him who may hold ob  
jectionable doctrines. Is this  
Baptistic? "Oh," says one,  
"conventions have the right to  
express an opinion on questions  
affecting the interests of our  
churches." Yes, they have the  
right to criticize and condemn  
the acts of those who are in the  
employ of the denomination, if  
their methods as servants of the  
denomination are detrimental to  
the best interests of the cause.  
They may dismiss such, and em  
ploy others. Nothing wrong in  
this. No thrust at church rela  
tions in this. Then, too, they  
have the right to express them  
selves in favor of good morals.  
This is a matter for the general  
good. We are not unmindful  
of the sacred principle of toler  
ance, but let us not invade the sacred  
precincts of a church that may  
be in disorder upon these points,  
with threatening resolutions.  
But to make a deliverance upon  
the moral and doctrinal stand  
ing of a church or individual is  
to relegate the sovereignty of  
the churches to denominational  
ism—the moral effect of which is  
to drive out the offender by cen  
tralized power. This central  
izing of forces has led to the  
instituting of ecclesiastical hier  
archies that have forced men to  
the stake and gibbet, to the rack

peace bond until her case can have a hearing at a tribunal of churches called together for that purpose. But before her case is scripturally investigated, she is slain by the sword of centralization. True, the Association, upon her articles of faith, can arraign and try one of her sister churches for any wrong of which she may be guilty, but if that church, before any formal charge is brought against her, or even after such charge, seeks an investigation of her standing by a council of sister churches, then to deny her of this privilege and right by peremptory measures in her exclusion from the body, is an insult cast at the church, a grave reflection upon the competency of the council to do the right thing, and an outrage upon a great Baptist principle. Let him who reads this, be careful to note that there is no intention in the spirit or letter of this paper to defend an individual or a church as such, but to contend for a principle. Some churches should be excluded from Associations, and some men should be excluded from churches, but there is a scriptural way of doing this.

Here we not come to perilous times. Are not these the times that men will not endure sound doctrine? Are not the forces of hodgepodge assaults upon the church? Let us beware of the extremes that so clearly indicate the end of the times. Oh, Spirit of Truth and Righteousness, help us to honor the independence of churches. Help us, that factions and factions may not disturb our peace. Help us to keep the pure Word of God to all, and to send the holy Spirit to the dying of

Short Talks and Hymns.

MY DEAR BRO. MINISTERS:—

Some years ago I was speaking to a colored Methodist minister on New Testament churches, and he remarked: "Well, Doctor, we don't differ much. You are John the Baptist Christians, who baptized our Savior in the river Jordan, and we are pedo (Pete) Baptists, after Pete, who baptized three thousand one day when going down to the river at all." I could not convince

Pete for pedo. I have lately adopted the idea myself. Only two asses of professed Christians say and teach. Every doctrine and practice taught by the resbyterian, Episcopalian, or Methodist churches, which is found in the New Testament, may be found in our churches; while everything that is not found in the New Testament, is found in one shape or another in Catholic church. I have a personal friend here, a Catholic, with whose family I am terms of intimacy. He has a Douay Bible, and I have heard it with him and his family. I did so on the last Sunday '96. He insists on the doctrine I have made of the religious denominations of the world.

It has been admitted to me, and again, by professed Catholics in this place, that out of every ten who profess to be Christians in Wilkinson county, Miss., where we became Christians, or at least were taken into the churches in infancy; and hence are called after Pete, from the pope, whom the Catholics call the head of the church—

Peter Baptists. Only a small number follow Paul as no more loved Christ.

The Old Preacher,  
W. H. ROBERT.

Stone College is the face of difficulties and serious drawbacks is gradually rising to the high plane of prosperity and attractiveness that has marked its proud history for a quarter of a century in the past. Its head, Dr. L. M. Stone, now enjoys unusually good health, and being just in the prime of manhood, having just turned the 53rd annual mile-post, he is applying himself vigorously to its every need, seeing that nothing shall fail to meet the fullest needs of all students who enter the college. His faculty now assisting him is of rare professional ability—up to the highest mark of proficiency along every line of college work. Young ladies who are yet to enter college for the coming winter and spring months, may find better inducements here than elsewhere in or out of the State. The location of the college makes it a desirable institution to attend. Its rural environments, large grounds and forest scenery, and then the conveniences and attractions of the city of Meridian, which students enjoy as the officers permit, by means of the electric car-line in connection with the horse car that the college runs itself as necessary.

Dr. Stone says that every encouragement far and near comes to him now as to the future of the college. He feels that the reverses of the past year that have weighed upon him so heavily, are soon to be followed with great prosperity and success. The Lord is his trust and stay from the past many valuable lessons are learned to bring him closer to Him who is strength and life to them who put their trust in Him.

For the session now following, unusually low charges are made, although the advantages are so fine. Correspondence with Prof. Stone from those who have daughters to enter college soon, would be well for the best interest of all.

Gallman Does.

The 25th day of November, 1904, the day after by the President of these United States as a day of Thanksgiving. We had appropriate services in the Baptist church, of songs of praise and voice of prayer. The sermon was preached by "ye" scriber from the 50th Psalm, 14th and 15th verses. After an appropriate address by Bro. W. W. Williams, a collection was taken in the interest of the two orphan's homes, fostered by the Baptists and Methodists, amounting to \$17.50, which was divided equally between the two.

Bro. T. N. Rhymes has been called to the care of the church here. May the Lord incline him to come. A good man, called to serve a good people. They have fully manifested their kindness to me in many ways. I have just received a "pounding" at the hands of the Gallman church, and its severity is felt by its goodness. My home will be at Gallman for another year and I hope longer. Thrown among them by Providence, I can only hope that a kind providence will continue to let me live among so kind a people.

I forgot to state, in the proper place, that the Thanksgiving service was a unique service.

tween the Methodists and Baptists.

Gallman is on a boom, both spiritually and temporally. Our church manifested the spirit of unity in calling Bro. Rhymes. There was lots of meeting voice.

We start out with renewed vigor for another year. God bless THE RECTOR.

J. C. FARRAR.

From Lorena, Texas.

DEAR DR. HACKETT:—This one turning point in a decision to come to Texas was the desire and purpose to have my son leave railroading and join with me as my Jonathan through remaining years. I came, and all was arranged—but, alas! One day prior to the time when he should come to me, he was instantly killed by a railroad accident. Dear Doctor, I never knew grief before. I have had an awful time—but God lives; and I am so glad He lives. I do not understand it—God does. I can but suffer and follow on. All will be better when better known.

J. R. HODGES.

(We greatly sympathize with our Brother and Sister Hodges in their disappointment and bereavement, and pray that the Lord's loving counsels may guide them in His own good way to their everlasting gain.)

Bro. Hodges is a strong man in the ministry, and we trust will be used of the Lord for great good in His cause.—EDS.)

MARRIED

In the Presbyterian church, Gainesville, Ala., on Wednesday, Nov. 27 last, at 8:30 p.m., by Rev. E. M. Stone, two of the noblest of the choice young people of the land were joined in holy wedlock. Mr. Thomas J. White, a prominent and successful young business man of Coldwater, Miss., had wooed and won the heart and hand of Miss Lula Hemenway, whose character for purity and sweetness, and whose manners for gentleness and refinement, all admire in the highest. They were congratulated by scores of friends as being happy in this most fortunate event. The church was decorated exquisitely in latest art of floral decorations.

The choicest selection for the wedding march was touchingly executed by Miss Sallie Leslie Stone. The ushers, Messrs. Isaac Haas and Gray Howard, preceded the attendants by slow steps to the altar; they—Messrs. D. M. Hemenway and Lorenzo Cousins with Misses Irene Veasey and Florida Hemenway—marched gracefully to the rostrum and stood on either side of the floral arch, followed by the handsome groom and his lovely bride. Moving like royal heads to a coronation altar, they rested under the arch, facing the audience, making a scene of magnificence and beauty. The ceremony was pronounced in appropriate words, making the vows mutual and life-long, while the soft whispers of the organ at the touch of Miss Stone's trained fingers, made all as impressive as it was real.

After this, a few friends repaired to the bride's home with the elated couple, where a feast of good things was indulged in, to the complete alleviation of all desire to eat. Enjoyment ran high, and all went merry as a marriage bell. Life with them is as bright as ever dawned upon

Of 1897, after all, has been a season of much interest. There were not so many churches represented as usual, neither was the attendance so large, but the discussion was sharp and decisive.

Dr. J. D. Spence, president of the Association, preached the Associational sermon to the right of the brethren. His subject was, "A Great Baptist Lineated from the character of the teachings of John the Baptist, who was great before God and before men. I shall publish the publication of the sermon tract form.

The Association was organized by the re-election of former officers, E. S. Casper, Jr., moderator, and J. W. Berry, clerk. About two hundred delegates were reported and churches to hear from. The action of the Convention closing Dr. Whitsett and Prof. Martin's book was ended. THE RECORD, Layman and workers were recommended to the committee on publications. THE RECORD was sharply criticized by Bro. J. S. Berry, advocating the constitution which he thought was contrary to New Testament or Church polity. Bro. Th. Th. and others likewise entered objections against THE RECORD but all expressed the hope that THE RECORD, which had been true to Baptist teaching so much for the would be saved to the brotherhood of Baptists.

It was regarded as a favor to have the presence of Oscar Haywood, of West. He preached on Sunday. It seemed to the writer, that the Son of Truth and Love brought light shine through the purple beautiful flowers of the Eden, to be reflected by spiritualized mind and heart of the preacher, till our faith resulted in "Him who is the Son of God to share the can think or speak."

Then, one of our number but now of Blue Mountain, a strong sermon, which food to mind and heart.

The Association lost from roll Eld. J. S. Berry, who labored so long and faithfully as pastor and as President of the Executive Board, but has returned to his home.

There were 12 churches. Eld. W. M. H. son, one of the three surviving members of the organization of the Association, thirty years ago, was present—the love of truth and anxiety greater attainments.

Eld. Chas. Lovejoy, who journeyed with us one year then went to Jackson, where he has done was present. Dr. S. of the University, and one of our natives and beloved, was also present, preached a helpful sermon in that God overruled things for the good of the love the Lord.

Among the laymen added to the Association, Deacon G. W. Dudley proved to be useful and able to the meeting. He is of the Juka Vidette, one of the best county papers of our Many others were present for whom is evidence of passed from the death in life.

L. R. BURR

REMARKS.

We are glad to publish Burr's report of the

ingo Association, "critic  
 of The Record" and  
 Record is quite accusom  
 "criticism," and ought to  
 a pretty tough-hide by  
 time. If it was not a  
 "respectable" hide, how  
 make a cast-iron monkey  
 it might be expected to  
 & being accused of "un-  
 ness." Of course the bre-  
 did not mean that, they  
 meant that we don't see  
 like they do, and to ex-  
 hope that we will yet com-  
 go. Well, maybe we will  
 occurs to us that it is the  
 thing to do. Meanwhile  
 want to ask the "cr-  
 brethren to read the con-  
 of opinion of Baptist auth-  
 and if they do not find  
 proper counsel of sister ch-  
 called by any Baptist cl-  
 which is "the church of the  
 ing God, and pillar and g-  
 of the truth," is not the  
 way to settle questions in-  
 ministerial heresy, then we  
 yield our opinion, and agree  
 our associations and con-  
 may do it, and then go  
 they are tending, to an ec-  
 tical despotism, mild at fir-  
 may be like Methodism, it  
 later on like Anglicanism,  
 further and finally, an ab-  
 despotism like Romanism.  
 truth is, it now begins to  
 and to be noted by wise  
 that if the Baptist general  
 did not have before  
 such results of tending  
 as those mentioned  
 that, the journey to  
 realm of the hierarchies  
 be as rapid now as it was  
 early centuries. The W-  
 Record unsound!! Well,  
 what next?  
 It is encouraging the  
 "critical" brethren regard  
 hopeful. With this encou-  
 ment on their part, along-  
 the good will and unabate-  
 inspiring confidence of some  
 other brethren, expressed  
 in various and in private  
 ways, we shall not quite despair  
 brethren, you have and  
 suppose you do a little of  
 do and send us at least a  
 subscription to the paper.  
 will greatly encourage  
 mend besides, it will be  
 earnest of your good will.  
 —Jota P.

DEAR BROTHERS: I O-  
 your sweeping concen-  
 against the Grenada Con-  
 and Bro. Martin's Con-  
 Views. I voted with the  
 ty and did not feel that I  
 condemned the entire body  
 only the essential, state  
 that gives distinctiveness  
 views. To show how it  
 relate the following story.  
 Bro. J. O. Nelson, of his  
 memory, would apply in  
 cases. In the days of o-  
 dian predecessors, one of  
 huntamen went to a trad-  
 and told the trader that  
 Indian, had, swinging, a  
 a water oak tree, near a  
 which was half a mile n-  
 the trading post. "If you  
 give me so much powder  
 shot, you may have it,"  
 trade was made. The  
 with the powder and shot  
 his way; the merchant so-  
 for the deer, but found  
 Seeing the Indian some  
 afterward, he charged him  
 telling an untruth. When  
 the Indian said, "Did you  
 the pond?" "Yes," "I  
 find the tree?" "Yes,"  
 tell you deer?" "No,"  
 tell you two truths, and  
 forky; and altogether I h-  
 the truth."  
 L. R. Bu-

Receipts of Convention for July.	
FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Columbus	Duck Hill w m s
Duck Hill sunbeams	Mt Vernon
West Point	Chapel Hill.
West Point w m s	Calhoun Association
Sardis w m s	L M Stone
Mrs Whitehead	One who loves the Lord
Cherry Creek w m s (col)	Steen's Creek.
Winona.	HOME MISSIONS.
Columbus	Sardis w m s
One who loves the Lord	Mt Carmel
STATE MISSIONS.	
Biloxi	Biloxi w m s
Biloxi sunbeams	Poplarville
Spring Dale	Kosciusko
Kosciusko w m s	French Camp
Columbus	Tippah Association
Grenada	Grenada w m s
Grenada sunday school	Shady Grove
Hebron	Mt Moriah
Sardis	Ackerman
Sardis	Sarepta
New Salem	Morgan's Fork
New Hope	Starkville
Starkville w m s	Starkville sunday school
Starkville b y p u	Mrs Herron
Mrs Farrar	Byhalia
Shubuta	Rodney
Mrs Wanda	Winona
Winona sunday school	Ashland
Little Bahala	Bethlehem
Canton	Canton w m s
Salem	J G Dupree
Mrs E R Walker	Batavia w m s
J E Phillips	H M Chain
J F Bynum	E H Garner
West	Bluff Springs
Guntown	Ellistown
West Point	West Point w m s
West Point sunbeams	County Line
Damascus	Damascus w m s
Natchez	Natchez w m s
Learned	Brushy Fork
Bethany	Antioch
New Albany	New Albany w m s
Maben	Greenwood
W E Ellis	Saltillo
Moss Point	Moss Point sunday school
Henry Bennett	J F Walker
W W Mitchell	Duck Hill sunbeams
Duck Hill	R L Thornton
Madison	

Board	dues	member
		W. W. Ellay
\$ 9 00		A. J. Miller
4 00		Yazoo City
1 40		T. E. H. Robinson
3 70		Raymond
4 00		Madison members
1 00		Hebron
4 05		Mc Nebo
9 00		R. A. Cohron
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10 00		Cosciusko Assn.
1 00		Arcola
10 00		Bro. Coleman
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0		W. B. Jeffreys
0		Beech Grove
7 10		Jackson
2 40		Jackson sunday school
32 90		Jackson sunbeams.
5 00		Goodman
3 60		Water Valley
29 40		Summit
24 70		Bogue Chitto
8 60		Johnston
28 00		Hermantville
11 40		Hermantville w m s.
13 00		White Oak
6 00		White Oak w m s.
2 00		Utica
1 00		Utica w m s.
2 40		Friendship
6 05		Reagent
2 35		Hands
2 20		Handsboro w m s.
2 20		Handsboro sunbeams.
66 15		Bay St. Louis
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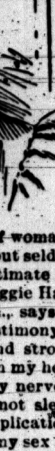
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